

it in a fiscally responsible way. I urge this bill's adoption.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING
JOHN DECKER FOR HIS SERVICE
IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, John Decker served in the United States Navy from 1952–1954; and

Whereas, he has served as a member of the color guard for military funerals; and

Whereas, John Decker is saluted for his bravery and service; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank John Decker for his contributions to his community and country.

TRIBUTE TO HANNAH HAYES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Hannah Hayes for her service to our community.

Hannah Hayes is deeply dedicated to helping people restore their lives to a healthy creative balance through oriental medicine. In 1993, she and her husband Donn started Oriental Herb Company, known as OHCO, in Evergreen. Cold Snap, Eye Ching and all their other products are created by Donn, who is an acupuncturist with extensive training in Chinese herbology. Ms. Hayes runs all facets of operating the business, from manufacturing to marketing and shipping.

Hannah Hayes enthusiastically teaches others about the benefits of listening to their bodies, evaluating their lifestyles, and exploring ways to live healthy balanced lives.

Ms. Hayes remarks, "It's rewarding when a customer calls and has had some incredible insight about how to customize our general formulas into their own particular needs."

Hannah Hayes teaches creative balance through Chamber of Commerce gatherings, presentations at health food stores, and a column in the local weekly.

TRIBUTE TO GERALDINE R.
GENNET GENERAL COUNSEL TO
THE HOUSE

HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. HASTERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to say thank you to Geraldine R. Gennet who is resigning as House Counsel, after serving in that office for more than 12 years.

When I was Speaker, it was my privilege to oversee the institutional offices which help make the U.S. House of Representatives func-

tion on a daily basis. The house counsel, like the Parliamentarian, legislative counsel, and other institutional offices, serve the House behind the scenes but are essential to its operations. All these offices are non-partisan, and that tradition is important to maintain, so that no matter which party controls the House, its operations are viewed as professional and non-partisan.

Geraldine Gennet certainly carried on that tradition. She and her office gave the Speaker's office and the Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group advice that reflected the precedents and practices of those that went before us, but also the appropriate legal advice to address today's issues and problems. It was not legal advice calculated to advance a political goal or agenda. Rather, Geraldine's advice reflected her unbiased reading of the law and her best legal judgment. When the House's institutional interests were at stake, her advice was designed to further those institutional interests and protect the legislative branch's central place in our constitutional structure as envisioned by the Founding Fathers.

Geraldine and her staff were particularly helpful in the aftermath of the FBI's unprecedented raid on a congressional office last year. She was instrumental in negotiating with the executive branch in an effort to resolve the constitutional stand-off amicably. When those negotiations ultimately failed, she then assisted the House leadership in charting its course through the litigation that followed. We particularly relied on Geraldine and her office for advice on significant institutional issues of this nature, and they always did an excellent job. This House owes Geraldine and her staff a debt of gratitude.

I wish Geraldine well in her future endeavors and thank her for her service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING JACK
EVERETT FOR HIS SERVICE IN
THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Jack Everett served in the United States Army from 1967–1969; and

Whereas, he was inducted into the Military Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, Jack Everett has received two Purple Hearts; and

Whereas, he is the recipient of the Bronze Star; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I commend and thank Jack Everett for his contributions to his community and country.

HONORING MS. SYLVIA BROCKNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Sylvia Brockner for her service to our community.

Wildlife, nature, and open spaces are the focus of Sylvia Brockner's community leadership. "Anytime I help save land, I'm pleased," she states. "It's a legacy for future generations."

Sylvia Brockner brought with her the conservation and naturalist leadership expertise she honed as chairperson of the Western New York Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. She was instrumental in organizing the Mountain Area Land Trust, which she likens to a local Nature Conservancy. A lifelong bird watcher, she helped establish the annual Christmas Bird Count, and in 1978 she and her husband founded the local Audubon Society.

Sylvia successfully lobbied the Army Corps of Engineers to protect the wetlands at Evergreen Lake. She also helped convince JeffCo Open Space to preserve Lair O'The Bear Park in Bear Creek Canyon.

For 30 years, she has written and illustrated the Canyon Courier's weekly feature about nature, instilling her passion in her readers.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 3996, TEMPORARY TAX
RELIEF ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 9, 2007

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, although I have serious concerns with the underlying bill, H.R. 3996, there are several provisions of this bill that extend necessary business and individual tax relief set to expire this year.

One provision in H.R. 3996 would extend important tax relief for individuals who choose to make distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts, IRAs, to charities. Charitable IRA rollovers greatly help the work of worthy charities, and it is important that this tool for giving remains available to taxpayers. I have introduced stand-alone legislation with Congressman EARL POMEROY of North Dakota, which has 90 cosponsors that would broaden the charitable IRA rollover rule to allow distributions to donor-advised funds and would strengthen other aspects of the present-law provision. I remain committed to the enactment of the improvements included in the Public Good IRA Rollover Act, H.R. 1419, that would work to encourage billions in new giving to those who need it most.

This legislation also includes a provision that extends the Research and Development Tax Credit for an additional year. Firms in California already conduct nearly one-quarter of all our Nation's R&D activities by dollar value, making this credit critical to California's leadership in high tech innovation. I am a strong supporter of this provision, and am a cosponsor of stand alone legislation that would make important improvements in the R&D credit and extend it permanently, H.R. 2138.

H.R. 3996 also includes a 1-year delay of the 3 percent withholding burden on contractors that work with governments, which is scheduled to take effect starting in 2011. Earlier this year I introduced legislation with Representative KENDRICK MEEK of Florida that would do away with this added withholding requirement before it starts. Together, we have